Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Time flies and September is approaching. If you took time off, I hope you enjoyed nice and refreshing holidays. With the focused meeting in Brussels literally around the corner, I welcome you all wholeheartedly, not only for the special focus on malignancy but also because you will get updates on recently described PID as well as some truly exciting unpublished work. Moreover, it is especially nice to welcome you to ESID in Brussels, city where I was born, in my home country. We are also working intensively with Aarn Huissoon and Peter Arkwright to prepare at least as nice a Biennial Meeting in Birmingham. Stay tuned and block out your agendas already for October 14-17, 2020.

As communicated in a previous letter, we have also worked on a draft strategic plan for ESID, starting to define and redefine our vision, mission and priorities as a society. I welcome you to read the working document draft [here](#) and as always, I am happy to receive your comments.

The world is changing, regulations are changing and ESID needs to adapt. Also, many challenges to accomplish the mission and vision of ESID lie ahead (immunoglobulin shortages, unequal implementation of neonatal screening for SCID, unequal access to genetic diagnosis, unequal access to monoclonal antibody therapy / gene therapy when there is a genetic diagnosis amenable to targeted treatment and so on). We can only overcome these hurdles as a society if we work closely together in education, clinical care and in research with our sister societies, with IPOPI and INGID and other organizations in the field.

However, we are learning about PID faster than ever: not only are new and really exciting novel defects being unravelled at a steady pace, but pathophysiological mechanisms to long-known conditions are also being unveiled thanks to technological advances, offering new treatment options for patients. Let’s share these exciting findings when we meet and in every other possible way, beginning with Brussels 2019.

Warm wishes,

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